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1. SUMMARY: CAMPORA HAS WON BUT HIS VICTORY STILL REMAINS DE FACTO. UCR WILL WAIT UNTIL FINAL VOTE COUNT BEFORE OFFICIALLY NOTIFYING NATIONAL ELECTORAL JUNTA OF THEIR ABSTENTION FROM SECOND ROUND. ELECTORAL JUNTA MUST ALSO AWAIT FINAL COUNT. AND, IN EVENT FRENTE DOES NOT HAVE 50 PERCENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW WILL NEED UCR' S ABSTENTION, BEFORE FORMAL PROCLAMATION OF CAMPORA AS PRESIDENT ELECT BY THE ELECTORAL COURT. BOTH PREREQUISITES AND PROCLAMATION EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. END SUMMARY.

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2. FOLLOWING ARE LATEST OFFICIAL TOTALS PROVIDED BY INTERIOR MINISTRY, WITH ONLY 390, OF 55,452 POLLING PLACES, STILL UNCOUNTED-- I. E. LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE VOTE:

A. CAMPORA(FREJULI	6,034,830 VOTES(49 PERCENT)
B. BALBIN (UCR)	2,610,244 VOTES (21.2 PERCENT)
C. MANRIQUE(ALIANZA FEDERALISTA)	1,802,634 (14.6 PERCENT)
D. ALENDE (ALINZA POPULAR)	873,364 (7.10 PERCENT)
E. MARTINEZ (ALIANZA REPUBLICANA)	334,040 (2.7 PERCENT)
F. CHAMIZO (NUEVA FUERZA)	257,303 (2.1 PERCENT)
G. GHIOLDI (PSD)	112,456 (0.9 PERCENT)
H. CORAL (PST)	76,833 (0.6 PERCENT)
I. RAMOS (FIP)	62,535 (0.5 PERCENT)

3. SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN 127,930 VOTES IN BLANK; 44,127 HAVE BEEN ANNULLED AND 26,520 DISPUTED MAKING A TOTAL OF 12,375,424 VOTES COUNTED. THE FINAL TOTAL WILL PROBABLY BE JUST UNDER 12.5 MILLION. THE OFFICIAL RECOUNT OF THE VOTES BEGAN THIS MORNING AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF WEEK. FINAL TOTALS MAY NOT BE GIVEN OUT UNTIL THAT TIME.

4. MININT. DR. MOR ROIG TOLD CABINET MEETING MAR 13 THAT CAMPORA AND SOLANO LIMA MUST BE CONSIDERED " VIRTUALLY ELECTED" AND THAT THE LEGAL PROVISIONS FOR A RUN- OFF ELECTION ARE SUBJECT TO THE DECISION OF THE RUNNER- UP WHETHER OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN ANY CASE, RUN-OFF ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD IN 14 PROVINCES AND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL FOR SEANTORS AND GOVERNORS (SEE SEPTEL).

5. UCR NATIONAL COMMITTEE MET LAST NIGHT AND UNOFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED CAMPORA AS THE WINNER-- AS BALBIN HAD ALREADY DONE ON MONDAY NIGHT. COMMITTEE DECIDED NOT TO GIVE LEGAL SUBSTANCE TO CONCESSION, HOWEVER, UNTIL RETURNS ARE ALL IN AND RESULTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY. TO WITHDRAW AT THIS POINT, COMMITTEE POINTED OUT, MIGHT SIMPLY OPEN DOOR TO A THIRD PARTY ON A TECHNICALITY. SINCE THE ELECTORAL LAW INDICATES THAT IF NO PARTY GETS 50 PERCENT, THERE WILL BE A RUN OFF BETWEEN THE TWO LEADING PARTIES, ETC., IF THE UCR OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWS BEFORE COUNT AND RESULTS ARE FINAL, A THIRD PARTY (I. E. MANRIQUE) MIGHT THEN CLAIM ON POINT OF ORDER TO BE RUNNERUP AND DEMAND SECOND ROUND, ESPECIALLY IF THAT THIRD PARTY HAD WON AS MUCH AS 15 PERCENT OF VOTE. TO AVOID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS UCR WILL WAIT UNTIL RESULTS ARE FINAL AND IT HAS BEEN

DESIGNATED RUNNERUP BEFORE OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE.

6. LIKEWISE, THE ELECTORAL COURT CANNOT OFFICIALLY PROCLAIM CAMPORA THE WINNER UNTIL THE VOTE COUNT IS FINAL. PRESUMABLY THEY WOULD ALSO NEED TO HAVE UCR ABSTENTION IN HAND BEFORE ISSUING PROCLAMATION. ALL THESE STEPS ARE EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN DURING NEXT FEW DAYS-- POSSIBLY BY END OF WEEK. MEANWHILE, WHILE NOT YET DE JURE PRESIDENT ELECT, ON DE FACTO BASIS CAMPORA HAS WON AND WILL BE NEXT PRESIDENT.
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